(b) the total allocation of advertisements to the Urdu newspapers and magazines during the year 2001-2002; and

(c) the percentage of advertisments of total allocation issued to Urdu journals by DAVP during the year 2001-2002?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) to (c) The number of Urdu daily, weekly and monthly newspapers and magazines to which the Directorate of Advertising and Visual Publicity (DAVP) issued advertisments during the year 2001-2002 was 86, 39 and 8, respectively. The Ministries/Departments inclusive of autonomous bodies and public sector undertakings issued advertisements through DAVP, during the year 2001-2002 covering 8360524 column centimeter space, out of which the share of Urdu newspapers was 494844 column centimeter space, which amounted to 5.92% of the total.

Task force on street vendors

*179. PROF. RAM DEO BHANDARY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up any task force to look into the problems of street vendors in the country in order to regulate their activities and also improve their working conditions;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when a policy in this regard is likely to be announced?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Task Force have submitted the drafts National Policy on street vendors to the Government and the same is being examined.

Market rating of HUDCO Bonds

*180. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the market rating agencies have downgraded the HUDCO

Bonds causing doubts on the success of its Rs. 2500 crore fund raising Bond from capital markets;

(b) whether this downgrading of HUDCO Bond rating is based on recent HUDCO investments in State Government Undertakings which are considered defaulters; and

(c) if so, whether any special investigation/probe into financial operations of HUDCO is underway?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Questions do not arise.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Rejection of indian marine products by foreign countries

1077. SHRI S.M. LAL JAN BASHA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many countries have rejected marine product exports from India recently due to hygiene problems;

(b) the details of countries who have rejected Indian marine products exported in 2002-2003, so far;

(c) whether Government have taken any steps to improve the image and quality of Indian marine products;

(d) the details of such steps taken;

(e) whether more inspections are likely to be carried out of the premises where such products are processed;and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY): (a) and (b) Government of India have received a total number of 50 complaints for the year 2002 and 8 complaints for the year 2003 from European Union countries reporting